



March 25, 2003

ENGROSSED HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 7

DIGEST OF HJ 7 (Updated March 24, 2003 11:13 AM - DI 102)

Citations Affected: Article 6, Section 2 of the Indiana Constitution.

Synopsis: Term of office of local officials. Permits the general assembly to fix the dates for beginning terms of county officers in order to establish a uniform schedule of starting dates. This proposed amendment has been agreed to by a general assembly. (The introduced version of this joint resolution was approved by the county government study commission.)

Effective: This proposed amendment must be agreed to by a second general assembly and ratified by a majority of the state's voters voting on the question to be effective.

**Welch, Adams T, Saunders,
Whetstone**

(SENATE SPONSOR — SKILLMAN)

January 23, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedures.

February 24, 2003, reported — Do Pass.

February 27, 2003, read second time, ordered engrossed. Engrossed.

March 3, 2003, read third time, passed. Yeas 91, nays 0.

SENATE ACTION

March 4, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Elections and Civic Affairs.

March 24, 2003, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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First Regular Session 113th General Assembly (2003)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2002 Regular or Special Session of the General Assembly.

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A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to Article 6,
Section 2 of the Indiana Constitution concerning local government.

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of the
2 State of Indiana, which was agreed to by the One Hundred Twelfth
3 General Assembly and referred to this General Assembly for
4 reconsideration and agreement, is agreed to by this the One Hundred
5 Thirteenth General Assembly of the State of Indiana.
6 SECTION 2. ARTICLE 6, SECTION 2 OF THE CONSTITUTION
7 OF THE STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED TO READ AS
8 FOLLOWS: Section 2. **(a)** There shall be elected, in each county by the
9 voters thereof, at the time of holding general elections, a Clerk of the
10 Circuit Court, Auditor, Recorder, Treasurer, Sheriff, Coroner, and
11 Surveyor, who shall, severally, hold their offices for four years. ~~and~~
12 **(b) The General Assembly may provide by law for uniform**
13 **dates for beginning the terms of the county officials listed in**

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1 subsection (a). If the General Assembly enacts a law to provide a
2 uniform date for beginning the terms of a county official listed in
3 subsection (a), the General Assembly may provide that the term of
4 each county official initially elected after enactment of the law to
5 provide the uniform date for beginning the terms of the county
6 official is for less than four years in order to establish a uniform
7 schedule of dates for the beginning of terms for the office.
8 However, after the initial election for each office, the term for that
9 office shall be for four years.

10 (c) No person shall be eligible to the office of Clerk, Auditor,
11 Recorder, Treasurer, Sheriff, or Coroner more than eight years in any
12 period of twelve years.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedures, to which was referred House Joint Resolution 7, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

PELATH, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 10, nays 0.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Elections and Civic Affairs, to which was referred House Joint Resolution No. 7, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is made to House Joint Resolution 7 as printed February 25, 2003.)

LAWSON C, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0.

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